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First Annual Community Chest Drive Is Launched on Hill

Post-Mortem Finds Houseparty Tops

Hamilton's first all-out houseparty in the prewar tradition came to a halt Sunday evening. Fewer casualties and more hilarity than was expected earmarked the occasion. The consensus of those in attendance appears to be that Hamilton has succeeded ably in reestablishing its traditional reputation for hospitality and gracious entertaining.

Getting off to a roaring start Friday evening as all the pent-up plans of the previous weeks were unleashed simultaneously, Houseparty rocked and rolled through two glorious days of gay diversion.

Friday evening travelling reached an all-time high as couples wandered from house to house mooching drinks, seeing friends and comparing merits of each house. Travelling continued throughout the week-end although most houses officially closed their doors to outsiders for Saturday evening formal or semi-formal dances.

Sigma Phi Place followed through with its usual genial gaiety. A "sea breeze" party following the game was attended by several faculty and alumni families. Mac Bristol, '43, former captain of the Big Blue, was among the guests. Alpha Delta Phi cooperated with the Friday night program. Joe Andersen, '44, and Ken Mackey were guests for the weekend.

Sunday, the Alpha Delts were entertained by Mother Corbett. The number of students who fell into the "moat" was fortunately small.

Delta Upsilon and Emerson Literary Society cooperated over the weekend with a daiquiri party at ELS after the game, followed by a dance at DU in the evening. Jim Summers, Jack St. John and Pete Dodge were week-end guests. Ken Westlye was among the Theta Delt alumni who returned for the weekend to find the party so well attended that Saturday dinner had to be served in shifts. A cocktail party following the game, tended by Bob Gow, was the high point in the Theta Delt program.

Psi Upsilon provided excellent music for

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Goal Set at $2500 For Student Body

The Community Chest Drive at Hamilton College, which takes place Nov. 4 to 11, was outlined by Alexander Lankler in a speech delivered in Chapel on October 30. Stressing the point that this drive eliminates the necessity of bothering students with a series of appeals, he named the goal $2500, or $5 per student. Lankler explained that, when you come right down to it, the contribution amounts to the paltry sum of ten cents per week during the school year.

Last spring, Dean Jones appointed a committee of three to look into the possibilities of merging various and sundry charity appeals into the Community Chest Drive. The committeemen came to the conclusion that such a drive would be much more convenient for "the solicitors and the solicited."

This fall, members of the Intrafraternity Council organized the drive, and appointed Lankler, Robert Cowan and Theodore Bates to act as overseers. Proceeds of the Drive will be given to the Red Cross, Tuberculosis, Infantile Paralysis and Cancer Funds, the Utica Boy's Club, and the needy families of Clinton. Those who wish to aid other Charitable organizations may make notification of this on pledge cards, which will be distributed this week.

A chart showing the progress of the Drive has been made by Owen Burns, and will be placed in Root Hall.

College Announces Gilkey Resignation

Delivering himself of his last sermon as Chaplain of the College, the Reverend James Gordon Gilkey, Jr. spoke earnestly in the Hamilton College Chapel Sunday evening. The announcement of his resignation was made by Dean Jones before the usual scripture lesson. "And Did Those Feet in Ancient Times" was sung by the college choir.

Big Blue Chalks Up First Post-War Win

Certainly the wind, rain and mist gave the 500 spectators at Steuben Field nothing to cheer about Saturday afternoon. However, the scrappy Continentals sent the drenched Houseparty crowd happily home, punching out a hard-fought 7-6 victory over favored Hobart.

Due to the downpour during the first half, only some 200 people saw the visitors score on the third play after the opening kick off. On a cross-buck over tackle, Pandiscia ran 14 yards to the Continental 48, where he lateraled to Newman who raced the remaining distance to the goal line unmolested.

An aggressive Hamilton line then broke through to smother the try for extra point, Nadal falling on the ball.

Behind 6-0, Hamilton was soon in trouble again, when Hobart recovered a Buff-and-Blue fumble on the Continental's 21 yard line. DeRoza, who quarterbacked the Hobart team superbly until injured in the third period, then hit Meier with a 10-yard pass, giving the visitors a first down on the Hamilton 11. At this point, Bill Crew averted a possible score by pouncing on another Hobart fumble.

Then, late in the second quarter, the Continentals gained possesion of an important Hobart fumble, when the ball squirted out of the hands of a Hobart punt receiver on his own 20 yard line. Immediately, "Ants" DiGregorio swept around his left end for 14 yards, being thrown out of bounds on the Hobart 6. Co-Capt. Bernie Burns then faded back and flipped a short pass out to DiGregorio in the left flat. Behind brilliant blocking, "Ants" took the ball and scooted over for the tying touchdown. Burns then booted the all-important conversion which made the score, Hamilton 7, Hobart 6.

In the third quarter, it looked as if Hamilton might be going for another touchdown, having recovered still another Hobart fumble, this time on the visitors' 39. Bernie Burns skirted his left flank for 16 yards, down to the 23. Burns and Bob

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New Religious Groups Organized on Campus

The Newman Club was reactivated during the summer, following a period of dormancy during the war. Under the leadership of John Musselman, the first meeting of the Fall semester was held at the Alpha Delt house on October 24. Forty-four men were present at this meeting and plans for the coming year were discussed. The club will hold a communion breakfast sometime during the year, and also hopes to sponsor social events. Regular meetings are to be held on the second Thursday of every month in the various fraternity houses, and all interested are urged to attend. The adviser for the group is the Rev. Raymond P. Lawrence of St. Mary's Church in Clinton.

Canterbury Club Organizes

At a meeting in the chapel on October 30, men of the Episcopal faith discussed plans for the organization of a Canterbury Club. This is a national society which maintains chapters at many colleges and universities throughout the country, and the Hamilton group is to be granted a charter. Thirty-five members were present at the first meeting of the club, whose chaplain will be the Rev. Dr. Earl Count, Professor of Anthropology. Meetings will take place every other week, and a greater attendance is anticipated from among Hamilton's ninety Episcopalians.

Christian Association Elects

The Student Christian Association is another religious group which already promises to establish itself as an important factor in college life. The first meeting was held on Monday, October 28, and the following officers were elected: Boyd Murdock, president; David Parker, vice-president; Douglas Parrott, secretary, and Al Elsesser, treasurer. Dr. Count, Mr. P. Hayner and Mr. Thomas Johnston were chosen as advisors to the group. Every Monday evening at eight, the organization will meet to conduct a religious service and discussion period, and a committee has been appointed to secure speakers for these meetings. It is also hoped that various social service projects will be accomplished during the year. Another feature of the Association's program will be the participation of two Hamilton delegates in the forthcoming Student Christian Movement Council to be held at Syracuse.

Christian Scientists Discuss

Although no meeting has been held, plans are developing for the organization of a Hamilton College Student Christian Science Society. All students interested in helping to form the new group are urged to see Ben Allen, 3 South, Gene Simpson, 24 North, or Robert Gross. Faculty members and alumni who would like to help in the new project are asked to address Gene Simpson.

Hill Guide Service Reactivated

Hamilton College's guide service is now in the process of reorganization after a long term of inactivity during the war years. The guide service was formerly under the sponsorship of "Was Los," the Junior Honor Society, but is being revived by a committee of fraternity men chairmanned by Frank Miller of Theta Delta Chi. This service is comparable to Princeton's "Orange Key" and Dartmouth's "Green Key," organizations which supply information and campus tours for visitors to the colleges. The Hamilton guide service as yet has no name, and any suggestions as to a suitable title would be greatly appreciated by the committee.

Present plans for operation call for two men from each fraternity and Squires to compose the guide corps. Headquarters for the service will be at the switchboard in Buttrick Hall, where the operator will have available a chart showing which men are free to take visitors at different hours of the day. Two tours are planned. There will be a short tour, consisting probably of a trip around each of Hamilton's three quadrangles, with stress laid upon high spots such as the Chapel, the Library and the Gymnasium. A longer tour will entail a more complete inspection of the exteriors and interiors of the college buildings. The time for the commencement of operations is not yet definite, but will probably be in about two or three weeks.

Foreign Service Talk

Mr. James Bell, formerly with the U.S. Foreign Service at Bogata, Columbia, spoke to a group of 35 at the first meeting of the International Relations Club Monday evening. After a twenty minute speech describing the preparations needed to pass the Foreign Service Exam, the branches of activity within the service, and the life of a Service member; Mr. Bell answered questions from the group.

Bob Pigott, the club's president, held a short organizational meeting following the discussion and it was decided to reorganize, to collect more members, and to draw up a slate of nominations before the next club meeting. Students who are interested but were unable to attend, are urged to look for an announcement of the next meeting.

Hill Graduates Enter Swiss Universities

Three former Hamilton College students, who completed war-interrupted studies here last summer, have returned to Europe this fall for graduate study at Swiss universities. All three saw army service in Europe, and two have previously visited in Switzerland.

Studying at the University of Geneva are Hasbrouck Miller, Gloversville, and Matthew B. McCullough Jr., Scarsdale. John A. Smothers, Evanston, Ill., is attending the University of Zurich.

The trip to Europe was the fourth for Smothers. He visited there—including Switzerland—in 1938 with his parents, in 1939 with a dance band, during the war with the 12th Armored Division, and now as a student. Miller was stationed in France with the Paratroops during the war, while McCullough, a translator in military intelligence, was stationed in France and visited Switzerland on a furlough.

Decision to do graduate work in Switzerland was made by the three men during the summer session. They plan to remain at the universities for at least a year with hope for later employment with American firms in Europe.

Matt McCullough, while at Hamilton, was active in the Charlatans and WHC. Last spring he performed splendidly as Tyresius in the Charlatan's production of **Oedipus Rex.** Friends of his on the campus and at Theta Delt, his fraternity, recall that he is an old hand at French. While in France with the army, McCullough is said to have dressed himself in various parts of GI clothing and passed himself off as a French officer before a group of American Air Force officers in an officer's club. McCullough, after majoring in French here and with his army experience, should have no trouble at Geneva where the lectures are delivered in French.

Hobb Miller was an ambitious and valuable brother at ELS. In addition to his fraternity activities he worked on the College Press Board. His reasons for going abroad are less definite than the others, but by virtue of his major in French, he will also be at home in Geneva.

Jack Smothers, who majored in English literature here and who had only one year of college German, will have some difficulty at the University of Zurich where courses are in German. At present, he is living with a Swiss German-speaking family to increase hs ability in the language. At Hamilton, Smothers contributed his energies to WHC, the **Continental** and **Hamiltonews**, and to the activities of the Deke house.

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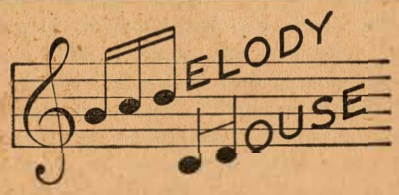

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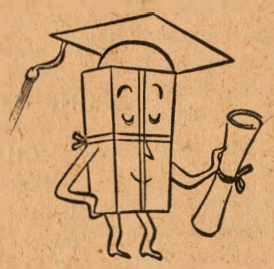

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Room at Inn Hailed

The Tavern Room of the Alexander Hamilton Inn, which opened its doors to the public on October 16, received genuine, hearty response from a crowd of local citizens, and faculty members and students from Hamilton College. Early curiosity followed by delighted enthusiasm on the part of the visitors indicated a "full house" future for the Tavern Room.

The Tavern Room comprises only a part of the Alexander Hamilton Inn which opened in April of this year. The Inn has in addition to the Tavern Room, a cocktail lounge, a dining room with a capacity of approximately one hundred, and a private banquet room. Just as soon as building materials are available, seven rooms on the second floor will be prepared for tourists.

Paneled in stained knotty pine and furnished with tables and chairs of a matching color, the Tavern Room presents a cheery atmosphere highlighted by a modern bar which blends into the general surroundings. Its comfortable capacity is approximately one hundred persons although many more than that may crowd into the popular "Rathskeller" which has been in the minds of the Hamilton alumni for a number of years.

In the early "twenties" Alexander Woollcott, '09, who had entertained ideas about keeping a hostelry of some sort and had realized with others the need for an inn near "the hill," stirred up a campaign among a selected list of alumni for contributions of one thousand dollars apiece to reconvert the old North mansion at the bend of "the hill." A diversion of Woollcott's interests and other complications led to dropping the project at that time.

The latest revival of interest originated with five alumni of Hamilton — Wallace Johnson, Secretary of the College; Edward Stanley, manager of the Inn; and Henry Harding, Gregory Burns, and Coleman Burke.

Although the Alexander Hamilton Inn is in its infancy when compared with other hostelries of its kind, it is believed that it compares favorably with such Inns as Moriarity's (Mory's) Ale House at Yale and the Nassau Tavern at Princeton.

The one-hundred year old building which houses the Inn is, however, not without some historical interest in this locality; it was originally the home of Judge Williams of Utica, the daughter of whom married a Hamilton alumnus.

No changes or additions to the Inn are planned for the immediate future, but it is obvious that enlarging of the various rooms will be a necessity as the name and popularity of the Alexander Hamilton Inn spreads.

First Cinema Club Movie Reviewed

The sine qua non of any medium of art is, necessarily, entertainment, if by entertainment we mean a vehicle designed to transport an individual away from himself. The worth of a drama may be judged by the answer to the question, "How far beyond himself does it take its most sensitive audience member?" The lowest artistic level at which transcendence of consciousness is possible is that level at which there is a possibility of identification of oneself with a heroic type.

Douglas Fairbanks was the embodiment of the classic heroic-type of early motion pictures. As such, he appeared in some forty-six films that were simply variations of a hero's triumph over adversity. In these pictures he was a modern Hercules, fearlessly and successfully performing every frightening labor that beset him.

The Three Musketeers (vintage 1921) proved a sturdy omnibus for the hero (D'Artagnan) to be interpreted in terms of physical agility. No hero of motion pictures before or since has accomplished that interpretation with more adroitness and less dependence upon the tricks of the motion picture trade than Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. He was an expert swordsman, horseman, and gymnast.

The result is that **The Three Musketeers** is a kind of essay into seventh-century picaresque in pantomine, articulated in photography by Arthur Edeson, and directed by Fred Niblo, master in the use of particular images to denote general significance. This device, so popular today, is exemplified in The Three Musketeers by closeups of the hand of Richelieu gently fingering the arm of his chair. These closeups are interpolated in some of the most exciting scenes of silent motion pictures.

The Three Musketeers may seem to be a cinematic hyperbole to a present-day audience, but it never puts naturalness above dramatic artistry. Fairbanks and the other members of the cast do without sound what many a modern actor could never do with it.

Union Game Dance

The Student Council is sponsoring an all school dance to be held after the Union game on November 16. The dance will be informal and admission will be one dollar per couple. Ticket sales will open next week in all fraternity houses on the Hill, in the Squires Club, and in some central place which will be announced in the near future. Jerry Krcik's Dance Band from Johnson City will furnish the music.

HOUSEPARTY SUCCESFUL

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party-goers Friday night, together with its customary **cafés intimes** scattered around the house. Lambda Chi served equally fine music to the 26 couples in attendance. Blue lights in the living room at the House lent a decided **Place Pigalle** air to the place.

The Squires did admirable work in converting Commons to a festive night-club. Murals by Dave Simonson, candlelight and the music of Lawrence Luizzi produced an intimate atmosphere.

Chi Psi was host to 26 dates over the week-end. Heavy traffic at the upstairs bar between dances by Dick Hollenbeck's orchestra, was noted. Andy Forsythe, '43, was back for the weekend.

Delta Kappa Epsilon came up with the fullest program in its history, with cocktails Friday evening, the usual Deke-Faculty cocktail party Saturday afternoon, and milk punch on the sun porch Sunday morning in addition to the usual business in the Pain Room. The Sweet Wells Girls; many alumni, including Bob Stone, Ted Blackmar and Doug Kuhn, '44; and others brought the total in attendance to 85.

Extraordinary effort on the part of the editors of the football program, the staff of WHC, and the men directed by Mr. Louis Smart contributed to the excellence of the party.

Those men on the Hill who never attended a houseparty at Hamilton before the war, seem agreed that the party this fall was the best the college has ever produced. Those returning men who know houseparties as they used to be, feel that the weekend just concluded compares favorably with the best of the past.

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Hill Booters Win 8-0 In Muddy Tilt

The downpour that accompanied Saturday's game failed to cool off the classy Blue booters of Hamilton as they steam-rollered across College Hill, leaving a determined but helpless Oswego team on the short end of an 8-0 score.

The green and white of Oswego were given a preview in the first period as Hamilton piled up three tallies; Kidd, Butzer and Holt scoring. In the second quarter Butzer again bored through to tally, leaving the score at half-time, Hamilton 4, Oswego State 0.

Back out in the 3rd stanza, and still in high gear, Hamilton boosted its score to 6 as Taverner and Wright accounted for the difference. Bannatine scored early in the final period, with Wright again crashing through in the final minutes of play to put the game on ice at 8-0. Superb defensive play by the Hamilton goalie, Dick Couper, repeatedly kept Oswego from breaking into the scoring column.

Svendsen Discusses Football Prospects

Coach Carl Svendsen in an interview with this reporter praised the work of his Hamilton Eleven in their victory over Hobart, and at the same time injected a sober note concerning the future.

Asked what he thought about the team's play on Saturday the coach, despite the fact that he pointed out a number of team errors, sounded fairly well pleased . He said that both the line and back field held their own, with Curry, Hilfinger, and Williams doing more than their share up front. The coach said, "Bernie Burns was outstanding both offensively and defensively."

Svendsen stated that he used a 6-3-2 defense as long as Hobart didn't present any long distance passing attack. Along in the third quarter the coach was forced to make a change and he switched to a 6-2-2-1.

Our own tally was the result of a screen pass which was called on the 2nd down. This isn't exactly orthodox football, but the pigskin mentor considered the play very well called. He shook his head and said, "Touchdown plays are always the right call."

When asked if one team's particular offense was more adaptable to the unfavorable weather conditions, Svendsen replied

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X Marks the Sport

by Bob Pigott

Ordinarily, one has a distinct vantage point when viewing a football game from a height. It was with this maxim in mind that WHC first decided to do its football broadcasts from the roof of the college swimming pool.

Normally, this should have been an ideal arrangement. On Saturday, however, the ever-present Houseparty wind and rain combined to make the broadcast more of an ordeal than we'd originally anticipated. Midway in the second quarter, a heavy mist begn drifting in over the field, almost obscuring the far goal posts. This mist, together with the muddy turf, reduced the broadcast almost to an intuition basis.

As we sat there on the roof of the pool, we became increasingly chilly, wet and miserable. Between chattering teeth, Ed Kelly and Bernie Hawley did their best to reproduce over the air what was transpiring on the field down below. During the course of the enervating afternoon, we began to wonder why, with such a complete and modern athletic plant, Hamilton College didn't have some sort of adequate press box and radio booth? It would seem that the need is great—and the expense is relatively small.

The game itself was important—as it marked the first Continental grid victory since 1942. It was a hard-fought, though, sloppy game, marked by many fumbles. Hamilton continued to show much marked improvement, though the Continental offense still leaves something to be desired. As the outcome was always in doubt, Coach "Bud" Svendsen chose to use only a minimum of substitutions, several men playing the entire 60 minutes.

The determined Buff-and-Blue travel to Philadelphia next Saturday, where they engage the gridders from Haverford College. WHC will again carry the play-by-play broadcast, taking the air at 2:15 P. M., 15 minutes before kick-off.

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BIG BLUE WINS

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Brewer churned down to the 11 on successive line bucks, only to lose the ball on another fumble.

Both the Hamilton backfield and line played a fine, aggressive game — most of the regulars playing 50 or 60 minutes. Bob Brewer's towering punts aided the Continentals tremendously, as did the canny signal calling of Al Schepper.

In the final quarter, no great threats were made due to the "fumble-itis" which hampered both teams, and the tolling of the chapel bell signaled to Clinton and vicinity that Hamilton was finally back on the football victory trail!

The line-ups:

	Hamilton (7)	Hobart (6)
LE	Bob Hilfinger	Zornow
LT	Bruce Stearns	Canarile
LG	Henry Formon	Morris
C	Bob Brown	Hill
RG	Charlie Mortimer	Gosline
RT	Dave Nadal	Williamson
RE	Bob Curry	Sterzer
QB	Al Schepper	DeRosa
LHB	Johnny Warren	Newman
RHB	Tony DiGregorio	Pandiscia
FB	Bernie Burns	Meier

Hobart — 6 0 0 0 — 6

Hamilton — 0 7 0 0 — 7

Scoring: Hamilton: Touchdown — DiGregorio; Point after touchdown — Burns.

Hobart: Touchdown — Newman.

Wells Girl Knows Score

Despite limited manpower and little experience, the managerial staff of Coach Svendsen's football organization did an excellent job in spite of adverse weather at Saturday's game.

Under the direction of Fred J. Smith, manager, the team was well served both before and during the game. Uniforms, equipment, towels, water, and tape were handled by his assistants. The statistical staff, also under his able direction, kept running records, handled the scoreboard, and furnished linemen. It is regrettable that, due to the inability of the student body to furnish more help at the game, Miss Kay Herrick of Wells College had to be pressed into service on the scoreboard. She did an excellent job.

Interfraternity Battle Nears Climax
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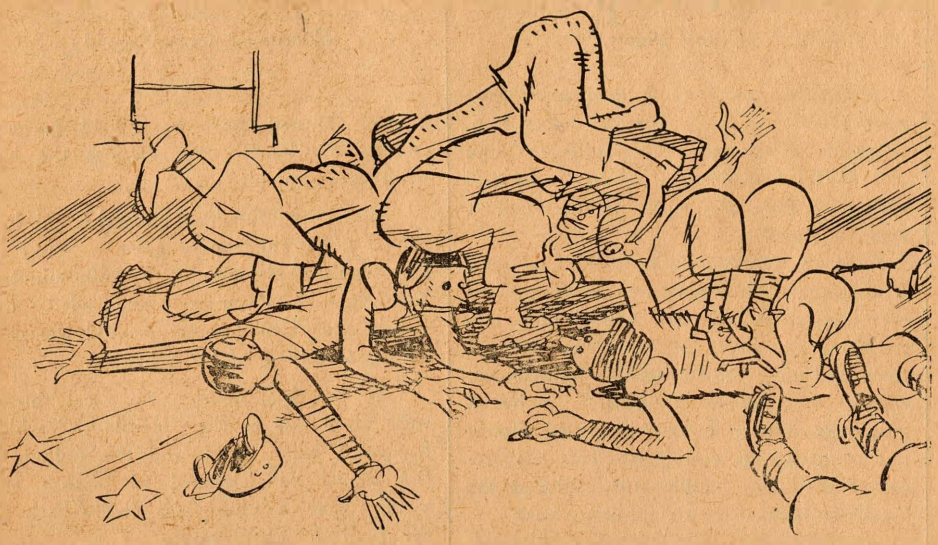

This week saw ELS go into a tie with Psi U for first place in the Buff league, as they beat the Owlmen, 12-6, in a close, muddy encounter. Chi Psi also kept in the running, as they maintained third place. In the Blue league, the Alpha Delts continued on their unbeaten, untied and unscored upon, way—with DU still hanging on to second position, just above the rising Theta Delts. The standings, as of Monday afternoon:

Buff League

	Won	Lost	Tie
Psi U	5	1	0
ELS	5	1	0
Chi Psi	4	1	1
Squire "A"	1	4	1
Dekes	1	5	0
Lambda Chi	1	5	0

Blue League

	Won	Lost	Tie
Alpha Delts	5	0	0
Delta Upsilon	2	0	2
Theta Delts	2	1	2
Sigma Phi	1	2	2
Squire "B"	2	4	0
Married	0	5	0

Over on the volleyball front, in the Buff League. the Psi U team moved into a tie for top spot with the Dekes, while ELS dropped to third.

In the Blue section, the Sigs enjoy a full game lead over the second place Squire "B" team and the DU team.

Buff League

	Won	Lost
Delta Kappa Epsilon	5	1
Psi Upsilon	5	1
ELS	4	2
Chi Psi	3	3
Lambda Chi Alpha	1	5
Squire "A"	0	6

Blue League

	Won	Lost
Sigma Phi	5	1
Squire "B"	4	2
Delta Upsilon	4	2
Theta Delta Chi	2	4
Alpha Delta Phi	2	4
Married	1	5

SVENDSEN DISCUSSES

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in the negative.

Considering the fact that Bob Brewer was outkicking his rival, that the ball w s treacherous, and the footing unsound, Svendsen thought there were times Saturday when the team waited too long before punting.

Your reporter asked Hamilton's blond boss if he thought, at the time Burn's kicked his extra point, that this slight edge would eventually mean the difference. The coach smiled and very emphatically said, "No."

Svendsen believes the team has made considerable progress in the last 14 days. The weather prevented either team from really showing off, but the head gridiron man on the bill was definitely happy over the way the forward wall rushed Hobart's passes and provided protection for Brewer's kicks. The coach added that this improvements must continue if we expect any more successful weekends.

Concerning this coming Saturday, Coach Svendsen could make no predictions. At the time he hadn't looked over the scout's report on Haverford, but he did believe the team would be in our class.

The weakness must be corrected and, he added in the same breath, our tackling must get sharper.

Talking about Union, the coach seriously said that things looked tougher each week. He mentioned that they had started slow, dropping their first three contests, but developed each successive Saturday until now they sport a three-game winning streak.

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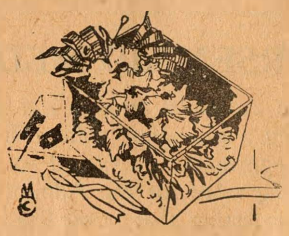

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"NURSEMAID MEDDLING"

The Administration has a big job on its hands in resurrecting a peacetime college from the wartime mothballs. We recognize this fact, and so this article is aimed not at suggesting more for the Administration to tackle, but rather at suggesting that it do less — that it do less meddling in extra-curricular life on the Hill.

For some years now, Hamilton College has rigidly regimented campus extra-curricular activities. Most of us probably will agree that these activities ought not to be regimented. Extra-curricular life ought to be spontaneous and the concern of the undergraduates. If it is not spontaneous but stringently regimented by the Administration, it is not genuine; if it is not genuine, it fails to have the valuable influence on the campus it rightfully should.

This is not an apologia for text-book evading dilletantes. To be sure, no one should advocate giving first-place to enterprises which will deflect undergraduates from the main purpose of their being here. But extra-curricular activities do have their place. The matter of an undergraduate's falling behind in his work is an individual problem and an affair reflecting upon his judgment, not upon the extra-curricular activities in which he may be engaged.

Must the Hamilton Administration in our after-war College continue nursemaid meddling in the extra-curricular life on the Hill? If something immoral is involved, step in. Otherwise, is this meddling necessary? Why sap constructive spontaneity. Isn't this meddling a misdirecting of energies which might well be put to better use?

Let us hope that no one will come back at us with that self-condemning phrase, "But we've always done it that way, why should we change now?" Such an answer smacks too much of the attitude which typified the titled lady in Alice Duer Miller's, THE WHITE CLIFFS. The American, Susan Dunn, wished her son named John, as she disliked the name Percy. Said the mother-in-law with a hopeless smile and shrug of the shoulders, "But the eldest is always called Percy, dear!"

The Hill policy has been too much one which advocated "suspended animation" in new extra-curricular activities. This meddling, this "putting on ice" policy, is deadening and a discredit to those whose judgment we like to respect.

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A number of problems have recently arisen on the campus; all of which seem due to a lack of enthusiasm on the part of the student body. For example: Hamiltonews is in dire need of more reporters; the cheerleaders at Saturday's game found themselves leading their own echoes; the college band is smaller than ever before; the Intrafraternity Council is an unknown group to most of the undergraduates; the Student Council offered absolutely nothing to fall houseparty plans; the Community Chest drive is far short of its goal with only two days remaining in its drive.

Must Hamilton suffer a slow death because of the lethargy of those responsible for her present welfare? Must all the old traditions, all the activities, be abandoned because the students and the administration are unwilling to put forth the necessary effort to actively support those minor phases of college life which are so vital to the atmosphere of the community? The decision rests with the guilty. The time for thought has passed. Action must be taken, for once the college dies, nothing can bring it back.

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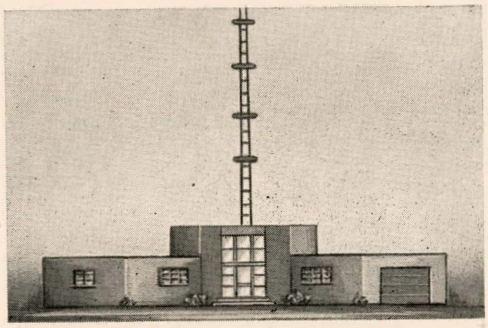

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